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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR DIEGO GARCIA IS
CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED BY THE GUAM/AN/TSC-54 TERMINAL
LINKING A SIMILAR TERMINAL ON DIEGO GARCIA VIA THE DEFENSE
SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (SCS) PHASE I SATELLITES.

THESE SATELLITES HAVE EITHER EXCEEDED OR ARE APPROACHING
THEIR EXPECTED LIFETIME. A REPLACEMENT DSCS PHASE II
SATELLITE FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA IS NOT AUTHORIZED UNTIL
THE 1977/78 TIME FRAME.

2. THE BRITISH SKYNET-II SATELLITE WILL BE LAUNCHED IN
SEPT 74 AND WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE FROM UK TO THE PHILIP-
PINES, BUT NOT AS FAR EAST AS GUAM. SATISFACTORY INFORMAL
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DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN BETWEEN THE U.S. AND UK FOR USE OF SKYNET-II. HOWEVER, THE AN/TSC-54 TERMINAL AT GUAM MUST BE RELOCATED TO PHILIPPINES IN ORDER TO BE WITHIN THE COVERAGE OF SKYNET-II.

3. SUBJECT YOUR CONCURRENCE THE U.S. NAVY PROPOSES TO TRANSFER THE AN/TSC-54 TERMINAL FROM GUAM TO CLARK AIR FORCE BASE PHILIPPINES. TERMINAL CONSISTS OF AN ANTENNA APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET HIGH BY 20 FEET WIDE; 3 VANS APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET BY 8 FEET BY 8 FEET AND ASSOCIATED CABLING. THE PREFERRED TIME FOR TRANSFER IS DURING THE PERIOD 1-16 JUNE 74. THIS WOULD COINCIDE WITH THE DATES SCHEDULED MODIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE AT DIEGO GARCIA SITE AND AVOID A DOUBLE DOWN-TIME OF THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATION LINKS.

4. A LARGER DSCS TERMINAL HAD BEEN OPERATING FROM CLARK AIR FORCE BASE UNTIL LATE 1972. THUS DO NOT BELIEVE THE RE-INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A TERMINAL SHOULD POSE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND, IF YOU BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE, YOU MAY INFORM GOP OF PLANNED TERMINAL.

5. DEFENSE CONCURS.

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